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written a complaint in the Register at the Reception Table which is also not included within the precincts of the Legislature. Therefore, I have no jurisdiction over the matter and I cannot interfere with what the Police had done. But justice requires that the matter should be thoroughly and impartially looked into.

As regards the point raised by Sri D. B. Kalmankar, it is for the person concerned or for any person interested in it to file a complaint with the Magistrate of competent jurisdiction. The Police and the persons responsible for law and order and persons responsible for administration of justice will look into the matter.

As regards the inconvenience caused in the issue of passes, I will look into it and see that proper arrangements are made for the issue of passes without causing any inconveniences.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಎನ್. ನಂಜೇಗೌಡ.—ಸ್ವಾಮಿ, ಈ ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಲೋಕಸಭಾ ಸದಸ್ಯರಾದ ಶ್ರೀ ಮಹಮದ್ ಇಮಾಂರವರು ಕೂತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಲೋಕಸಭಾ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ಈ ಸಭೆಗೆ ಬಂದು ಇಲ್ಲಿಯ ಕಾರ್ಯಕರಾಪಗಳನ್ನು ವೀಕ್ಷಣೆ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಬರತಕ್ಕಂಥ ಕಾಲದಲ್ಲಿ ಅವರಿಗೆ ಮೈಸೂರು ವಿಧಾನಸಭೆಯ ನಾಮಕರರು ಅಚಾತುರ್ಯ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಕ್ಕೆ ಕ್ಷಮಾಪಣೆ ಕೇಳಿ ಲೋಕಸಭಾಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರಿಗೆ ಒಂದು ಮನವಿಯನ್ನು ಕಳುಹಿಸಿಕೊಡಬೇಕಾಗಿ ಕೋರುತ್ತೇನೆ.

MR. SPEAKER.—The Hon. Member should know that it has not happened in the precincts of the House. Therefore, I am sorry I cannot take notice of this matter and send a communication to the Hon. Speaker, Lok Sabha.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಬಿ. ಬ್ಯಾಲನಯ್ಯ.—ಈ ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಮಗೆಲ್ಲಾ ಮನಸ್ಸಿಗೆ ಇಂತಹ ಘಟನೆ ನಡೆದಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ವಿಷಾದವಾಗಿದೆಯೆಂದು ತಾವು ತಿಳಿಸಬಹುದು.

Calling Attention to a matter of urgent Public Importance *re*: Dacioty at Bajpe in S. K. District

SRI B. BHASKAR SHETTY (Kaup).—I call the attention of the Chief Minister to the Dacoity committed at Bajpe in South Kanara District on 3rd September 1970.

SRI MANIKRAO PATIL (Deputy Minister for Home).—The incident referred to by the hon. Member relates to the Crime No. 7970 under Section 395, Indian Penal Code of the Bajpe Police Station.

It is reported that there was a dispute between a landlady and her tenants over annual rent to be recovered from the tenant. The landlady was insisting on payment of rent on the basis of the old contract, while the tenants declined to pay the rent according to the old contract in view of the reliefs available under the Mysore Land Reforms Act, 1961. On account of this, the landlady has been trying to evict the tenants.

On 3rd September 1970, at about 10·30 A.M. the grandson of the landlady along with about 40 others is alleged to have gone to the house of the tenants, heavily armed with iron rods, cudgels, knives, etc., and forcibly entered the houses of the tenants by breaking the entrance doors, etc. After ransacking the houses and also breaking furniture and other properties, the accused are said to have attempted to make good their escape with the booty such as copper vessels, gold ornaments, etc., altogether valued about Rs. 6,238. It is also alleged that in addition to looting the property, the accused damaged other properties such as roof tiles, photo frames, chairs, etc., and insulted the ladies of the houses including children.

On receipt of information, the Sub-Inspector of Police with his men immediately proceeded to the scene of the incident. On their way, they stopped three cars which were carrying the accused and recovered properties worth about Rs. 300 and weapons of assault. The Assistant Superintendent of Police also rushed to the spot.

The Police arrested 19 persons and produced them before the Court on 4th September 1970. They were released on bail later. Efforts are being continued to trace the absconding accused.

The Superintendent of Police is supervising the investigation and the investigation is in progress.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಭಾಸ್ಕರಶೆಟ್ಟಿ.—ಇದರಲ್ಲಿ ಸಾಧಾರಣವಾಗಿ 7—8 ಜನರಿಗೆ ಇಂಜುರೀಸ್ ಆಗಿದೆ. ಅವರು ಹಾಸ್ಪಿಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ತಮ್ಮ ರಿಪೋರ್ಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಇಂಜುರೀಸ್ ಆಗಿದೆ ಎಂದು ಒಂದು ಶಬ್ದವೂ ಸೇರಿಸಿಲ್ಲ. ಇದೇ ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿ ಮುಂದುವರೆದರೆ ತಮ್ಮ ಟೆನೆನ್ಸಿ ಲೆಜಿಸ್ಲೇಷನ್ ಏನು ಇದೆ ಅದರಿಂದ ಟೆನೆಂಟ್ಸಿಗೆ ಏನೂ ಪ್ರಯೋಜನ ಆಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಆದುದರಿಂದ ದಕ್ಷಿಣ ಕನ್ನಡ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಟೆನೆಂಟ್ಸಿಗೆ ಜರೂರಾಗಿ ಪ್ರೊಟೆಕ್ಷನ್ ಹೇಗೆ ನೀಡುತ್ತೀರಾ ಎನ್ನುವುದನ್ನು ತಿಳಿಸಬೇಕು.

Sri MANIKRAO PATIL.—That is why we have taken action against those persons who wanted to assault the tenants.

† Sri P. V. AITHALA (Surathkal).—I interfered in the matter and sent a report to the Chief Minister. A reply was received from him that the matter has been referred to the Home Minister. 19 persons were arrested. Ministerial instructions have been given to hush up the case because the landlady is a big person. As per these instructions, further efforts have not been made to catch the remaining 23 accused, even up to this day. Greater pressure has been brought from the Ministers not to proceed with the case and hush up the matter. I am very much interested though it is not my constituency. The persons injured and who were in the hospital do not find place in this report. This is an inhuman attack made on women folk. There is not even a word in the statement of the Hon. Deputy Minister about the injuries sustained by various women and children. I will just read out the names of those who have sustained injuries.

In one house, Smt. Meenakshi Pujarthi was beaten by an iron rod ; Sarojini Pujarthi who sustained injuries on her body seriously is admitted as an in-patient in the hospital ; in another house, a boy

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of 14 years ; a girl of 10 years by name Nainakshi and another girl Kavitha aged 8 years were all thrown out of the House like a football. In daylight just within a distance of about 2 miles from the police station the gangsters have made this attempt to beat the women-folk. The children came to me and narrated their woes to me. I have sent a petition of about seven pages to the Hon. Chief Minister and for that only yesterday I got a reply from the hon. Chief Minister and that too, probably after he came to know that a call attention notice has been admitted in this House.

Then Sir, in one more house one Puttu Pujarthi was beaten with iron rods ; in another house Kalpa'pujarthi was beaten and one of her daughters who is just 18 years of age and who is to be married sustained a severe injury on her hand. Lastly, in another house, Venkatappa Pujari and Leela Pujarthi sustained serious injuries. This incident took place on 3rd September 1970. The Police Department could not arrest the remaining accused and identify them. Is it the way in which the police and the Home Department is functioning ? Is there any doubt that you are shielding some landlords and trying to hush-up the case ? Is it not a fact that some ministerial instructions have gone to the police to hush-up the case ?

Sri MANIKRAO PATIL.—I have made it very clear in my statement that a case has been registered and about 20 persons have been arrested. Also a part of the booty which they looted have been recovered. The police are making all-out efforts to trace the remaining accused persons, I do not know how the hon. Member is imagining that the case is going to be hushed-up.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The complaint of the hon. Member is that the hon. Minister has not mentioned anything about the injuries sustained by various persons.

Sri MANIKRAO PATIL.—I have mentioned in my statement that the accused have utilised most deadly weapons. So far as infliction or sustaining of injuries, etc., are concerned, it is a matter of detail and if all those details were to be placed before this House, I think it would take one full day.

Further, the hon. Member is a lawyer and knows full-well that the case has to go through certain process which involves some time.

Sri K. PRABHAKAR.—May I know the distance between the concerned police station and the place of this incident ? Why there was such a delay of about 20 days and even more to send a reply from Government level to an M. L. A, directly concerned with the constituency ?

Sri MANIKRAO PATIL.—The information regarding the distance is not readily available. So far as acknowledging of the letter of the

hon. Member is concerned, the hon. Member himself knows that his letter must first reach the Hon. Chief Minister and then it has to be attended to by his Private Secretary, and the Private Secretary has to pass it on to the Home Secretary and the Home Secretary has to call for a report from the concerned Police Superintendent. Naturally, all these processes take some time. However, if the hon. Member feels that there has been sufficient delay in acknowledging the letter, due consider ation will be given in future while acknowledging the letters of hon. Members.

Sri B. BHASKAR SHETTY.—May I kuow whether the Hon. Deputy Minis ter is aware that there are standing instruction to reply to the Letters written by M. L. As within three days of their receipt ?

Sri P. V. AITHALA.—For the information of hon. Member Sri Prabhakar, I would like to say, that the distance between the Police Station and the place of incident is only 2 miles. So far the arrest of 19 persons by the police is concerned, I really congratulate them. But thereafter there was lethargy in the prosecution of the case.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The hon. member has brought this matter to the notice of the House. I hope the Government will take suitable action.

Sri P. V. AITHALA.—Sir, I have a petition in this regard and I would like to submit it to the Government, through you.

Mr. SPEAKER.—It may be sent with proper endorsement.

Private Members' Bills

Mysore Legislature Salaries (Amendment) Bill, 1970

Leave to introduce

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Hon. Member Sri Thammaiah will move for leave to introduce his Bill.

12-00 NOON.

Sri H. N. NANJE GOWDA.—On a point of order, Sir. Under Rule 67 read with articles 207 and 199, it is necessary that the recommendation of the Governor has to be annexed to the notice at this stage itself.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Hon. Member will see that this is an Expenditure Bill and strictly speaking, not a Money Bill. It is covered by clause 3 of article 207. Therefore, at this stage recommendation of the Governor is not necessary.

Sri H. N. NANJE GOWDA.—This rule is very specific. It lays down the procedure. Are you going to amend this rule also ?